

## Africa Facts

Please copy these facts down . . . you will be tested on them later.

1. **Africa's Size** 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the earth (\_\_\_\_ %)  
\_\_\_\_ largest continent (Asia #\_\_\_\_)
2. **Number of Countries** \_\_\_\_ . . . most in the world
3. **Africa's % of world population** \_\_\_\_ % (approximately 760 million people)
4. **"Two Africa's" (notable differences)** North (\_\_\_\_) Africa  
Sub-Saharan Africa
5. **Main Languages** \_\_\_\_ (especially North Africa)  
English, French (from Colonial legacy)  
800 other (tribal)
6. **Religions** Islam (North Africa)  
\_\_\_\_ (Sub-Saharan Africa)  
Animism (nature spirits ~ many tribes)  
Other
7. **Highest Point** Mount \_\_\_\_\_, Tanzania
8. **World's Longest River** \_\_\_\_\_ River (over 4,000 miles)  
Source of the \_\_\_\_\_ = Lake Victoria
9. **World's Largest Desert** \_\_\_\_\_ (size of contiguous USA)
10. **Largest African Country (land area)** \_\_\_\_\_
11. **Largest African Country (population)** \_\_\_\_\_
12. **Largest Cities (population)** \_\_\_\_\_, Nigeria & \_\_\_\_\_, Egypt
13. **"Newest" Country (independence)** \_\_\_\_\_ (independence in May 1993)
14. **Oldest Country** \_\_\_\_\_ (over 2,000 years old)  
• Able to stay independent during period of  
European colonial rule

15. **2<sup>nd</sup> Oldest Country**

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1847)
- Capital is Monrovia ~ named after US President James Monroe
  - Founded by freed US slaves

16. **All Other Countries**

Independence in \_\_\_\_\_ Century

17. **Suez Canal**

- Man-made canal (103 miles long)
- Connects Mediterranean Sea to \_\_\_\_\_ Sea
  - From Europe to Asia without having to go around Africa

18. **HIV/AIDS is Major Problem**

- Over \_\_\_\_\_ % of HIV/AIDS cases in Sub-Saharan Africa
- People infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) eventually develop AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome
  - Most transmission is through unprotected sex

19. **African Economies**

All nations are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ % of world's poorest countries in Africa

20. **Important People**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Former President of South Africa
  - Fought against discrimination and illegal system of Apartheid
  - Spent 27 years in prison (convicted of treason)
  - Released in 1990, became President in 1994

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Former President of Egypt
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Arab nation to make peace with Israel in 1977
  - Assassinated in early 1980s

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Author who wrote the *Jungle Book*
  - Talked about the "white man's burden," or the role of Europeans in "civilizing the native savages" of Africa and Asia